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Letter dated 17 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith to you the Declaration adopted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia on 12 October 2001 concerning the joint fight against terrorism (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Declaration of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia

The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia,

Firmly convinced that peace, security and respect for human rights are the basic conditions for the progress of the individual and of the community;

Aware of the profound significance of international cooperation for imposing and defending common objectives and values in the modern and increasingly inter-related and co-dependent world;

Stressing the role, rights and obligations of the Republic of Slovenia as an active factor of stability in the international community;

and

Strongly condemning the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington on 11 September 2001 which claimed human lives and caused the suffering of innocent people of many nations, for whose families and compatriots we express our sincere sympathy and solidarity;

and

Convinced that this case and similar ones are actually a brutal attack on the common objectives and values of democracy, freedom and human dignity and that we should therefore stand against such acts:

has adopted

Declaration on joint fight against terrorism

I

The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia condemns any form of terrorism. There is no justification for it.

II

The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia shares the determination of the international community in a uniform and joint fight against terrorism, threatening both individuals and the whole world. The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia supports the positions and measures of the EU and NATO and calls upon the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to fully implement all relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council, in particular Security Council resolutions 1368 (2001) and 1373 (2001) on the fight against terrorism. The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia appeals to the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to accede to all conventions on the fight against terrorism, and is committed to ratifying them as soon as possible. The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia supports resolution 1258 of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on extending the competencies of

the future International Criminal Court to the effect that the Court could deal with terrorist attacks; it appeals to the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to submit for the procedure to the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

III

The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia expresses the preparedness of our State to actively participate, to the best of its ability, in the anti-terrorist coalition; it also commits its relevant working bodies to closely follow the developments and promptly react to the initiatives of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for the joint fight against terrorism. The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia appeals to the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to join the efforts of the EU and NATO in the joint fight against terrorism.

IV

The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia appeals to the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to do everything in its power to guarantee, in compliance with its competencies, the security of its people and property within the State; the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia should be informed of the activities for guaranteeing security and peace in the Republic of Slovenia and of the fight against terrorism in the international community. The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia expects that the measures taken against the terrorists and their supporters be carried out in such a manner as to not affect innocent people and not to provoke new tensions in the international community. The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia calls upon the Government of the Republic of Slovenia that our State should also contribute to solving humanitarian problems arising from the fight against terrorism.

V

The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia stresses that the fight against terrorism is not a combat against any of the religious, political or ideological affiliations, and by no means a combat against Islam or even the Arab world. It emphasizes tolerance towards anything that is different, and firmly rejects violence as a means for entrenching differences.

VI

The National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia will take an active part in the endeavours of the international community to ensure, in the long run, changes in those social, economic and political circumstances which encourage terrorism.